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Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Caton:

This letter is in support of Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Petition NSD-L-96-3.

Our business is very dependent upon telephone communication for both voice and data transmission. The quality of our telephone service increased markedly when Mid-Plains began operating the Silverton exchange in May. They replaced obsolete switching equipment with a new digital remote switch and laid fiber optic cable into Silverton.

Our long distance service is now transmitted over this fiber cable to the main Mid-Plains switch in Kress, TX where it could remain on fiber if Silverton were in the Lubbock, TX LATA. However, our long distance calls are now being routed back to Silverton and transmitted to Amarillo, TX (via Memphis, TX) over the old copper lines owned by GTE.

The granting of the Mid-Plains petition would enable Silverton to have the excellent telephone communications which is essential to our long-term growth and prosperity. I urge you to grant their request at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

Gerald Smith
President

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RE: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Petition NSD-L-96-7

Dear Mr. Caton:

The North Carolina Utilities Commission, BellSouth, and most importantly, affected customers in Chapel Hill and Saxapahaw of Orange County have agreed to two-way EAS. Please add this letter as one favoring Petition NSD-L-96-7.

For a few extra cents each month, these communities will be able to make local calls instead of long distance calls. Your approval will enhance commerce and economic development between the two communities.

I encourage you to approve the proposed interLATA EAS between Saxapahaw and Chapel Hill.

Sincerely,

Joel K. Harper
President

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